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IN POLAND

Lisa Larsen Ousted; Visa Extension Refused

Lisa Larsen, *Life*, magazine photographer, was ordered to leave Poland by Dec. 17, the expiration date of her visa, according to an AP cable from Warsaw, Poland, Dec. 12.

Ray Macklin, picture editor for *Life*, told the Bulletin on Dec. 17, that he assumes she will return to the U.S. but had received no word from her. Miss Larsen, who is under contract to *Life* although not a staff photographer, had made personal arrangements for her visa to Poland, according to Macklin. The magazine understood that she planned to be in Poland only until Dec. 17.

However, the AP cable said she had been promised an extension of her visa. The promise was later retracted.

The cable reported that Miss Larsen said the Foreign Office Press Dep't. explained that the action was due to *Life's* publication of an article by Jozef Swiatlo, former Polish secret police officer who defected to the West.

The AP told the Bulletin Dec. 17 that no further word on Miss Larsen had been received.

Busy News Year Ends With Party

The OPC's annual New Year's Eve party is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Clubhouse. Festivities will continue until 2:30 a.m., or cock's-crow, whichever be the merrier.

There will be music in both Dining Room and Bar, noise and favors on all floors, and a buffet supper with a French flavor to match the theme of the evening, "Reveillon à Paris." The traditional oysters and boudin blanc will be served along with the equally traditional hams, turkeys, etc.

Reservations are now open at \$6 a plate. Members may bring three guests.



Christmas Greetings

TO MEN OF GOOD WILL:

Christmas is more than just another holiday.

It is a time for spiritual thanksgiving. It is a time for the renewal of old friendships and it is a time for contemplation.

Spiritual thanksgiving is something that is up to the individual. It is not something that can be shared. But the renewal of friendships is something in which we can all take part.

And this is the reason that Christmas becomes the merriest time of the year, for there is a feeling of camaraderie among men which is missing all too often in the other days of our life.

The cheery sound of "Merry Christmas," the gayly colored greeting cards, opening the excitingly wrapped gifts, and the radiance in the face of a child are some of the other things that go to make this season a joyous one.

This joyousness affects the Club and its members too. It is apparent in the way in which friends greet one another, and this is as it should be. For the Club was founded on friendship and without such friendship it could not exist.

For that reason I hope that every member at some time during the holidays will pause for a silent toast to the other members of the Club, and wish * * just as I do * * each and every one a very Merry Christmas.

Wayne Richardson
President

IN HUNGARY

Dickey Chapelle Missing; Possibly in Custody

An eyewitness reports that Mrs. Georgette Meyer ("Dickey") Chapelle was captured by uniformed troops 15 kilometers inside the Hungarian border on the night of Dec. 5.

Mrs. Chapelle, on leave of absence from the Research Institute of America where she is head of the Public Information Division, was in Austria working as a free-lance photographer. Two of her photo stories on Hungarian refugees crossing the border into Austria were carried in recent issues of *Life* magazine.

Her husband, *Anthony Chapelle*, said in New York Dec. 17 he was told by the U.S. Embassy in Vienna on that date that she had crossed the border with two Hungarian students, one of whom escaped and brought the report to Vienna.

The AP wires on Dec. 13 carried the first report of her disappearance from her Vienna hotel on Dec. 4.

Leo Cherne, executive director of the Research Institute said Dec. 17 that he had received only one letter from her since she left New York Nov. 15 on a two week leave of absence. It was written Dec. 2 and contained no mention of an intention to go to Hungary. She also cabled to him Nov. 30 for a week's extension of her leave to finish her photographic work.

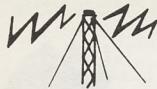
Mrs. Chapelle has worked with the American Friends Service Committee and CARE. She is a former war correspondent in Okinawa with the Marines.

Victor Lasky, chairman of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, is in touch with the U.S. Department of State on the matter.

Club Calendar

Fri., Dec. 28 - 3rd Annual CBS Round-Up. *Edward R. Murrow* and seven correspondents. (See story, page 2.)

Mon., Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party. (See box, this page.)



OVERSEAS TICKER



BANGKOK

Dwight Martin, *Time-Life* chief in SEA, was here on his way to Hongkong. Bernie Kalb, *N.Y. Times* man who just replaced Bob Alden in Southeast Asia, is in town on his way to Burma to continue coverage of Chou En-Lai, whom he followed around in Cambodia.

Thailand now has a Correspondents' Club, no less. Passing correspondents are welcome to our bi-monthly meetings. Members take turns playing host and choosing the meeting place. Meetings are intermittently social and business - the first a dinner, the second a luncheon, each person paying for himself and his guest.

The new Erewan Hotel, complete with kidney-shaped swimming pool, leaning palms, rippling stream, flood-lighted fountain, Swiss chefs, air conditioning and hot and cold running water (every aid to civilized living except prompt service) has just opened in Bangkok. We understand that visiting correspondents will be given a 10% discount. Bernie is our first test case. We're really going Las Vegas - you won't find anything like this west of the Euphrates!

Darrell Berrigan

BONN

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, 81 next month and facing crucial General Elections next September, has entered the regular news conference business.

He has agreed to a regular twice-monthly conference and held the first on Dec. 7. The ground rules follow closely to those of Pres. Eisenhower's conferences - with a few notable differences. The time limit is a strict 30 minutes. Questions must be submitted in writing the previous evening and Adenauer doesn't guarantee to answer any he doesn't want to. But he may be quoted directly. Newsreel TV and photographers are not admitted.

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About 200 newsmen showed up for the first conference held in the Christian Democratic Party's caucus room in the Bonn parliament building. Adenauer, in good form and obviously enjoying himself, answered all questions submitted in advance. He indicated, too, that once he gets into the swing of things he may not rule out questions tossed in from the floor if there is sufficient time.

The Russians have started new trouble with Allied communications with Berlin and one of the first effects was to bar accredited American newsmen from the U.S. Army train to the isolated former capital. First news of the Russian came when Ernest J. Cramer, UP Frankfurt, was bounced off the train at 2:00 a.m. at the Helmstedt border point by the U.S. train commander. Protesting that correspondents have used the train for years, he was told by the train commander, "That was a mistake." A couple of nights later an AP man from Berlin was not allowed to board the train at all.

The crackdown apparently resulted from Russian demands to see identification papers of everyone using the train and insistence that only strictly military personnel might travel on it. Joseph W. Grigg, UP Germany chief, and Richard O'Regan, AP, took the matter up with U.S. Commander-in-Chief Gen. Henry I. Hodes and U.S. Ambassador James B. Conant, pointing out that accredited correspondents have used the train since 1945. They were assured by Conant that there has been no change in this policy.

Joseph W. Grigg

PARIS

Harold Callender, *N.Y. Times* bureau chief in Paris was unanimously elected president of the Anglo-American Press Ass'n. of Paris for 1957, the 50th anniversary year of this probably oldest group of its kind in the world, or at least in Europe.

The association also elected as vice-presidents Frank Kelley (ex-OPC president), *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, and Geoffrey (Continued on page 7)

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CBS ROUND-UP THIS FRIDAY

Reservations for the third annual CBS Round-Up Dec. 28 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel are open to OPCers and to an unlimited number of guests.

Tickets for the luncheon, scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the Empire Room, are \$5.00 to OPC members. Guests' tickets are \$5.50. Reservations are being taken at the OPC.

The question-and-answer news round-up will feature Edward R. Murrow as moderator. Winston Burdett, Rome correspondent; Richard C. Hottelet, Bonn correspondent; Robert Pierpoint, Tokyo correspondent; David Schoenbrun, Paris correspondent; Daniel Schorr, Moscow correspondent; Eric Sevareid chief Washington correspondent; and Howard K. Smith, chief European correspondent will participate.

There will be a reception at noon in the west foyer of the hotel immediately preceding the luncheon.

MEANY SCORES NEHRU AT OPC

George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization attacked Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India in his talk before the OPC Dec. 12. He also urged that the United States increase to 100,000 its quota for Hungarian refugees.

Meany termed Nehru and his leading foreign policy adviser, V.K. Krishna Menon, "agents of the Soviet Union."

Meany was reminded that last December he had attacked Nehru and President Tito of Yugoslavia as "aides and allies of communism in fact and in effect, if not in diplomatic verbiage." He was asked if he had changed his attitude.

He replied, "Yes, I have changed my attitude. I feel stronger than ever that Mr. Nehru is an agent of the Soviet Union and I hope to see him and tell him so to his face. And I feel the same way about Krishna Menon."

Meany said he felt an increase of the quota of Hungarian refugees from its present 21,500 would not disturb the U.S. economy.

THE PRICE OF PRESS FREEDOM

AP EDITORS HEAR PRESS LOSING PRIVILEGES

At the recent Associated Press Managing Editors convention in Philadelphia, Mason Walsh, Managing editor of the *Dallas Times-Herald*, and chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee, called for greater participation of editors in the global fight, and commended those who have been in the forefront of it.

"The evil day of reckoning, when the press and consequently the people, no longer are free would have arrived long before now if it hadn't been for a relatively few stalwart fighters for freedom," he told the meeting.

V.M. Newton, Jr., managing editor of the *Tampa Tribune*, warned the convention in his last speech as president:

"The American politician has dropped a cloak of secrecy" over wide segments of the federal government. "This great enemy of the free American press is beginning to creep into the lower levels of government."

The APME convention heard case-work examples in the battle:

Everett Norlander, managing editor of the *Chicago Daily News*, described the paper's long struggle with Illinois authorities which ended in the conviction of O.E. Hodge, former state auditor.

Clark Mollenhoff, Washington correspondent of the *Des Moines Register and Tribune*, said that for two years, "various government agencies have been asserting a principle that has the potential of wiping out a free press as America knows it, and establishing a virtual dictatorship of the executive branch of the government."

Fred W. Stein, editor of the *Binghamton, (N.Y.) Press*, blasted a New York law covering certain criminal cases with secrecy. "The law plainly said the public no longer has the right to know - in one-third

of its criminal cases - whether justice is being done," Stein said.

Vint Jennings, managing editor of the *Charleston, (W.Va.) Daily Mail*, traced the steps in a team-battle that went to Washington and back for the right to make news pictures in a Federal building in Charleston. Result: a draw, he said.

On the other side of the Atlantic, the General Council - an organization of editors, newsmen and executives in the United Kingdom - also pointed to specific cases in its third annual report. Citing an International Press Institute survey, the Council said:

"Only four out of 40 non-totalitarian governments have not at some time in the past five years attempted to restrict the freedom of the press in one way or another." It did not name the four.

"Despite its long tradition of liberty," the report said, "the British Commonwealth provides some glaring examples of pressures on Press Freedom."

In South Africa, it said, "newspaper protests against the government's decision to declare a state of emergency following racial riots may be punishable by a fine, three years imprisonment or 10 lashes for the editor."

In Australia, in 1953, "the acting Prime Minister barred correspondents of the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* from his press conferences because the paper had criticized his policy."

In Queensland, a law "permits government officials to inspect printing presses and seize material."

Elsewhere in the world, the report continued, newspapers receive preferential treatment from the government - or the reverse - in obtaining rationed newsprint, depending on their editorial attitude toward government policy and actions.

SHEFRIN RETURNS FROM CUBA

David Shefrin, CBS, returned last week from covering the Cuban revolution. He went down with Jim Cunningham, UP Washington.

They were the only two newsmen to receive permission to go into the Oriente Province.

While in Havana, Shefrin saw Jules Dubois, *Chicago Tribune*; Harvey Rosenhouse, *Time*; Francis L. McCarthy, UP bureau chief in Havana; and Pat Morin, AP.

Filming OPC Stories; Series Titled "Exclusive!"

"Exclusive!" is the title for the OPC TV film series, it was announced this week by George T. Shupert, president of ABC film Syndication.

After weeks of work to determine an original and acceptable title for the new series, ABC finally chose "Exclusive!" It was submitted by Gene Feldman of Derel Producing Assoc.

Over 200 titles were submitted by OPC members, employees of ABC Film Syndication and members of the production company now on location in Europe. There was no prize or incentive offered for the winning title.

OPC officials will probably see the first film of the series late in January, according to word received by the Radio and TV Committee this week. The films are being produced in Europe by Bernard Luber under a contractual arrangement with the Club.

Radio and TV Committee chairman Ben Wright reports that Luber wrote him this week from London: "As you can well imagine things have been quite hectic over here...We were rather fortunate in getting all of our location shots for our first five films completed just as the fireworks started in Hungary. We sent a crew to Athens, Salonika, Vienna, Paris, etc., and at the moment we have completed shooting the first four films and are on our fifth. The casts of performers are excellent and from everything I have seen to date, I am convinced that we will have a successful and exciting series...."

The pilot film is tentatively entitled "The Czar's Daughter" and is based on a story by George Herald.

OPC TO ASSIST CROWELL-COLLIER EMPLOYEES

The OPC Placement Committee, in the special emergency created by the closing down of *Collier's* and *Woman's Home Companion* magazines is setting up facilities to operate as a clearing house for editorial, publishing, public relations and advertising personnel of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, Spencer C. Valmy, Chairman, announces.

Members of the OPC are urged to notify the Placement Committee of all job openings in such fields immediately in order to assist the Committee in its work.

A special Crowell-Collier placement bureau, set up at 640 Fifth Avenue to assist employees of the magazines, received 400 to 500 offers of job "opportunities" on its first day of operation Monday.

Twenty-four hundred persons lost their jobs in the closing of magazines whose publications are to be suspended in January.

TALBERT VISITS FRISCO

Robin Kinkead writes from San Francisco that OPC Vice President Ansel "Ed" Talbert, Aviation and Military Editor for the *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, "blew through" his city for a day's lay-over last week. Talbert had just completed a two month stretch in the Antarctic, and was "thawing out" in sunny California, although his clothes, designed for the expedition in Brooklyn, kept him warm.

Talbert spent the day as a guest of George Pottoroff, PR for Pan American Airlines.

A Newsman in Cairo

CORRESPONDENTS

by William J. Coughlin

Dec. 7, 1956

Cairo, Egypt -- (Delayed) -- A U.S. commander in Korea remarked during the early days of that United Nations police action, "If there were as many troops here as there are correspondents, we could put up a real fight."

The United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt is in just about the same fix. The second UN police action has drawn almost as many newsmen as the first one. In fact, the bar at Cairo's Semiramis Hotel is beginning to take on a distinct resemblance to Number One, Shimbun Alley.

When photographer Guido Organschi and I arrived in Cairo aboard one of the first Swissair flights to reach the city after the bombing, we expected to be among the first correspondents on the UN scene. It was somewhat of a blow when King Gordon, press officer at UN headquarters in Cairo, handed me accreditation card No. 200!

A quick tour of the nearby Semiramis lobby and bar turned up enough newsmen to staff a political convention. Among those on hand were John O'Donnell, *N.Y. News*; Bill Landry, UP; William Humphries, *N.Y. Herald-Tribune*; Winston Burdett, CBS; John Mecklin, *Time-Life*; Richard Fryklund, *Washington Star*; James Pringle, AP; William Blair Jr., *Newsweek*; Fred Sparks, Scripps-Howard; Patrick Catling, *Baltimore Sun*; John Law, *U.S. News & World Report*; David Nichol, *Chicago Daily News*; Robert Abernathy, NBC; John Crider, INS; Howard Sochurek, *Life*; and A.J. Liebling, *New Yorker*.

In addition, there were scores of correspondents from such countries as Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Canada, Germany and Japan.

Transportation Sketchy

Many and devious were the ways by which they had reached Cairo. We had come in non-stop from Zurich. Others had flown from Athens, Rome, Beirut. Pat Catling of the *Baltimore Sun* arrived after a 900-mile trip by taxicab from Benghazi. His trip out of the mists of the Libyan desert took 30 hours and is going to cost the home office a whopping cab fare.

Aside from a brief period under arrest in Alexandria, Catling stopped only for gas and food enroute. One of his strangest encounters was with four well-dressed Englishmen in a Greek restaurant "in the middle of nowhere" in the Libyan desert. They were fleeing Egypt.

"Under the stress of circumstances,

TURN OUT EN MASSE FOR WAR IN EGYPT

they spoke to me even though we hadn't been introduced," Catling reports.

One of Catling's weirdest experiences was a flight aboard a 47-passenger British European Airways Elizabethan from Malta to Tripoli, enroute to Benghazi. He was the only passenger aboard. Nevertheless, the stewardess, standing two feet away from his seat in the empty cabin, gave him the full treatment: "We welcome you aboard BEA's Elizabethan flight to Tripoli. We will fly at an altitude of 9000 feet, etc..."

"I felt as silly as hell," says Catling.

The *Sun* staffer was not the only correspondent tossed into the hoosegow to cool his heels a while. The Egyptians are extremely touchy about newsmen at the moment, particularly photographers. Under their Russian-style security, every soldier is a classified military object. You can't point a camera at anything and shoot without a good chance that somebody will shoot back.

Organschi and I joined the expanding list of those who have been guests of Col. Gamal Nasser when we were picked up by military police, together with a Swedish and a German photographer. We had been interviewing and photographing two soldiers in a machine gun emplacement on a Cairo street corner. Suddenly, the MP's swooped down on motorcycles and seized the cameramen. I tried to look as though I had been waiting for a bus. I got the Arabic equivalent of "Tell it to the lieutenant," and was firmly invited to join the party. Off we went to military headquarters, the photographers shuffling blank film into their cameras enroute.

With great apologies, the photographers ripped the blank film out of their cameras when confronted by the lieutenant and presented it to him. Not wanting to seem lacking in friendliness, I considered ripping a blank page out of my notebook and handing it to him. After examining all the guns in the room, I rejected the idea. So who's a comedian?

When Organschi had to go to the little boy's room, an Egyptian trooper accompanied him and stood guard with gun unholstered until he had finished. ("Trying to prevent a leak?" asked a Semiramis wit later.)

After a trip to a civilian police station to prefer formal charges, the Egyptians decided to forget the whole thing, with much hand-shaking all around. The photographers took pictures of everybody shaking hands and when the lieutenant objected to this, took pictures of the lieutenant objecting.

Copy and Film Censored

All copy and film from Cairo now is subject to censorship. The censorship is erratic with no specified list of what can and cannot be said. The things you can file one day may be *verboten* the next.

Almost every foreign correspondent in Cairo has equipped himself with at least two new identity cards, one from the UN and one from the Ministry of National Guidance. Each of these required several identity photos and resulted in a landslide business for Cairo passport photographers.

Getting around in Egypt is largely a matter of ingenuity. The propaganda ministry considers all of Egypt a forbidden area and has set up an elaborate system of permits and guides. Army press headquarters in Cairo controls permits to enter military zones -- which also includes most of Egypt today. But correspondents quickly found that a Cairo taxicab was waved through almost every roadblock all the way to the front. After that, travel became simpler and the taxi drivers prospered.

Cairo is blacked out at night and trigger-happy sentries compete with the taxi drivers to see which group can make the blackout the most dangerous. At last count, casualties among correspondents had been limited to shattered nerves.

English Preferred

Raucous broadcasts and lurid war posters have the Egyptians whipped up to a point where they expect a British soldier to pop out from behind any bush. In Cairo after dark, it is therefore advisable to talk English only in the lowest of voices when not indoors.

For the battle-weary newsmen who can tear themselves away from interviewing each other in the bar of the Semiramis, there is an occasional UN press briefing. Before the British and French pulled out, this usually consisted of explanations of why the British were refusing to allow correspondents from Cairo to cross the lines to Port Said. Four times within one week, the British said they would allow UN-accredited correspondents into their zone and four times they withdrew permission for "technical reasons." By that time, the British themselves were withdrawn.

Correspondents Rest

To calm the nerves after such exasperation, there are several establishments in Cairo where behind blackout curtains, correspondents can look upon cultural and educational exhibits of belly-dancing. Another popular rendezvous, as they say, is a houseboat



Author William Coughlin is standing at extreme left in this photo of one of the UN press briefings in Cairo. He is Chief of Bureau, McGraw-Hill World News, London, and was sent to the Middle East to cover the recent conflict. He was McGraw-Hill war correspondent in Korea and Japan, 1952-53, and West Coast Editor of Aviation Week, 1953-55. He is a former UP correspondent in Honolulu and Mexico, and was UP Bureau Chief in San Francisco, 1950-51.

anchored in the Nile near the Semiramis, the Omar Khayyam. This is a lovely floating bar and restaurant where, attended by turbaned attendants in flowing robes, you can sip wine and eat *shishkebab* by flickering candlelight while the mother of rivers rocks you on her bosom and the night breezes whisper through the palms.

A few correspondents have given up these lush pleasures of Cairo for the more rugged life at the UN advanced base at Abu Suweir, an Egyptian air field in the desert not far from the Suez Canal. Here, they scrounge C-rations and bunk with the UN troops. It contrasts with Cairo like Pusan with Tokyo.

The "dean" at Abu Suweir is NBC-TV's peripatetic Hank Toluzzi, covering the operation in a Cadillac convertible. Toluzzi undoubtedly is doing one of the most thorough jobs of camera coverage of anyone in Egypt and his Cadillac is a familiar sight on the Suez Canal road between Abu Suweir and the cease-fire line at El Cap.

Ortiz is Dapper

You can spot the UN press officer at Abu Suweir, Mexico's Cesar Ortiz, by his dapper checked golfing cap. Looking like he has just finished a fast eighteen, Ortiz has managed skillfully the job of handling the sometimes delicate relations between correspondents, the Egyptians in charge of the base, and the United Nations forces from half a dozen different countries.

Lt. Col. George Wade, the Canadian officer commanding the advanced UN detachment, goes out of his way to be helpful to the press at a time when he has dozens of more pressing matters on his desk. So does Canadian press officer Capt. Eric Luxton.

Brigadier General Amin Hilmy II, the Egyptian liaison officer at advanced UN headquarters, has been a genial host to foreign correspondents. Hilmy, with a clipped mustache, swagger stick and dog, looks and talks British. His speech is sprinkled with "bloody good" this and "bloody well" that. But this is one Egyptian who can get away with it. When correspondents teased him about smoking British cigarettes, he snapped back with a twinkle in his eye: "We liberated these. I'm burning them."

All in all, it's been one of those odd little wars in which the shooting was over before the majority of the correspondents arrived. But just south of the Egyptian front line in the Sweetwater Canal is a reminder that even this brief war took its toll of the press. The shattered jeep in which David Seymour of Magnum and Jean Roy of *Paris-Match* were killed still lies there, tepid water flowing softly over it.

And like Korea, it's a lousy place to die.

CONTRIBUTIONS INVITED

Members are invited to contribute articles to the Bulletin on "A Day in the Life of a Foreign Correspondent" or "Recollections of a One-Time Foreign Correspondent."

The editors reserve the right to publish only those articles which seem suitable to the general presentation of The Overseas Press Bulletin. However, they will be glad to consider any contributions.

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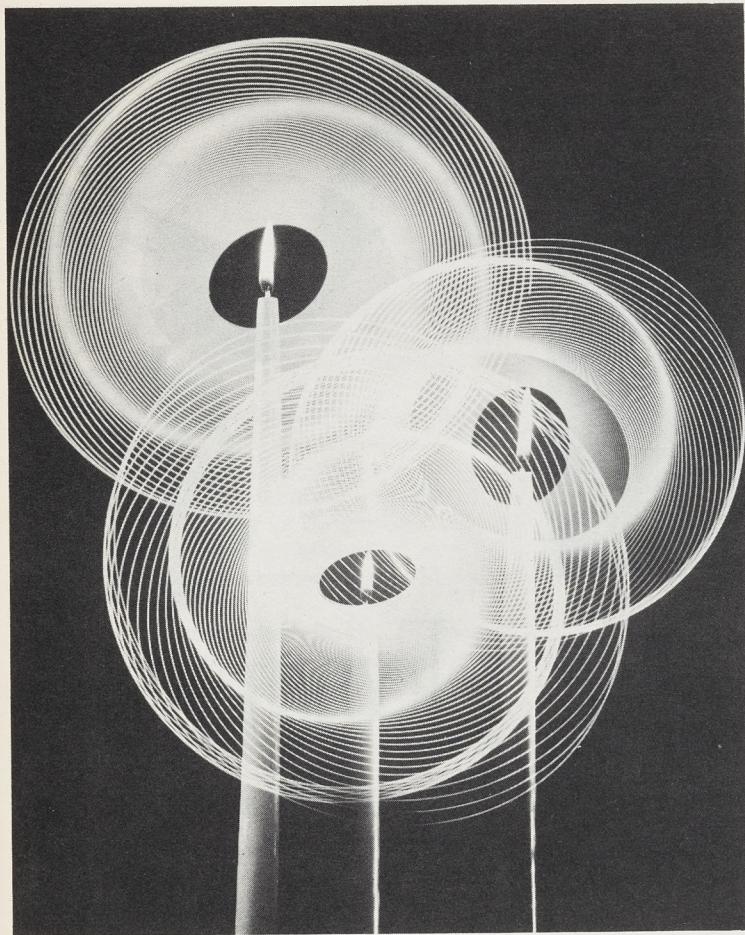
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Wilfred May, Treasurer, reporting on the Club's financial operation for October, states that operating income totalled \$14,346, and operating expenses \$19,510, leaving an operating loss of \$5,163. After further charges for rent, depreciation and taxes ("fixed charges") of \$1,215, and income from dues of \$6,070, there was a net deficiency of \$309.

Gratifying were substantial increases (approximately 30%) in food and beverage sales over the previous month and the same month last year.

'EIGHT BALL FINAL' - A WOW

Have you ever had a pink elephant in your City Room?

Whether you answer yes or no, the OPC Library copy of *Eight Ball Final*, the annual special edition of the Los Press Club monthly magazine, *Eight Ball*, is recommended for reading.

Tom Caton, in reporting on the September move of the *Los Angeles Herald Express* to new quarters, recounts episodes in the offices of the old *Herex* - the time a Disneyland publicist smuggled a pink elephant into the City Room; the time Jack Smith playfully duelled a visiting lion with a chair, lion-tamer style, and smashed a row of fluorescent lights.

In "Ten Years After a Dream," another of the magazine's special features, Clarence R. (Gus) Newman recalls that while Rome was built on seven hills, the Los Angeles Press Club was built on "3,000 highballs." OPCers will be interested in the report that the Club launched Marilyn Monroe's career - as the first "Miss Eight Ball." (The OPC has entertained the present "Miss Eight Ball" - Valerie Allen.)

President Jack Massard also reports how in ten years the Club has grown to a membership of 2,600 with new quarters in the Ambassador Hotel. The Club is presently planning a national association of national press clubs - one benefit to be an advertising campaign to aid finances of participating Club publications.

MARQUIS CHILDS HEADS GRIDIRON

Marquis Childs, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and United Features columnist, is the new president of Gridiron Club.

He takes over on Jan. 1 from N.Y. *Herald-Tribune's* Roscoe Drummond as head of the 72-year-old Washington dinner club.

Carl Bakal is off to Maryland and Washington, D.C. for a week to gather material for an article for *Better Homes and Gardens*.

VILLAR BORDA JUDGE TO BE TO BE ARRESTED

The Colombian Supreme Court suspended Judge Manuel J. Baron Plata of the Social Guarantees Court so that he might be arrested on charges of extortion.

Baron Plata sentenced Carlos Villar Borda, UP bureau manager in Colombia, to a \$3,000 fine for allegedly libeling Colombian Intelligence Service agents in his reports on a political riot at the local bullring.

The First Superior Court of Cundinamarca State ordered Baron Plata arrested last week. It was necessary that he be suspended from office before the arrest could be made.

SILURIANS MEET

Delt Edwards, 82, was the member who "travelled farthest to be present at the sixty-fifth semi-annual dinner" of the Society of the Silurians according to the *Silurian News*. Edwards came from New York to Texas to attend the affair which was held Nov. 12 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The crusading labor columnist *Victor Riesel*, who was blinded by a hoodlum attack last spring, received a scroll from Silurian president George E. Sokolsky on Nov. 7.

The Silurians is an organization of veteran New York City newspapermen.

GOOD NUDES IS NO NEWS

Paris -- Striptease artists are rendering a great service to medicine by participating in "serious experiments" to determine man's reaction to displays of sex, UP quotes a spokesman for the Paris College of Medicine.

Armed with stethoscopes, white coated doctors conducted experiments on astonished newsmen who showed up for what they believed was a routine press conference about a "night of medicine" celebration.

But instead of the routine question-and-answer session, curvaceous stripper Rita Renoir stepped before the newsmen, dropped her thin, clinging gown to the floor and did her best to stir their pulses and arouse their reflexes -- all in the interest of medicine.

The examining doctors said the sophisticated Paris newsmen showed no reaction whatever -- or at least it was not detected by their stethoscopes. They said arterial tension and reflexes remained normal.

Final results "of great scientific interest" were announced to the Paris medical corps during the ball held at the Continental Hotel Dec. 14, the doctors said. All of which proves that newsmen's objectivity holds up even under the most trying circumstances.

OVERSEAS TICKER (Cont'd from page 2)

Myers, *London Daily Telegraph*. Re-elected as secretary, treasurer and liaison officer respectively were Eric Hawkins, *N.Y. Herald Tribune* Paris Edition managing editor, Gerard Lange-laan, and Paul Archinard, NBC.

Elected to the executive committee were Ben Bradlee, *Newsweek*; Preston Grober, AP; Paul Ghali, *Chicago Daily News*; Bernard Valery, *N.Y. Daily News*; and four British.

The annual meeting was one of the stormiest and liveliest in many years as Sam White, the association's *enfant terrible*, correspondent of the *London Evening Standard*, railed against what he called mediocre speakers, poor food, pomposity, postponement of the traditional annual banquet and other items.

Elsewhere on the Paris front: Ed Korry, *Look*, back from Belgrade and Vienna where, with Leslie Bain he helped arrange a scoop on Cardinal Mindszenty story, sold world-wide. This represents a rare beat by a weekly over a daily (*Herald Tribune* also syndicated another Mindszenty story)...Arthur Krock, *N.Y. Times*, in Paris briefly to lecture on U.S. elections at NATO War College and do a few columns...Leif Eid off to London for temporary duty for NBC...Bob Kleiman, *U.S. News & World Report*, back from brief look-see in Vienna.

Bernie Redmont was promoted to Grand Commander (deux étoiles) of the Commanderie des Vins de France at a wine-tasting ceremony and decorated with a diploma, tricolor sash, medal and kiss on both cheeks by the new 1957 "Madeleine Vins de France" and Wine Ambassador Andre Ladener. Commanders of the order include U.S. Ambassador Douglas Dillon (First Commander), columnist Art Buchwald, Press Attaché Lowell Bennett, *Lawrence Blochman*, *Ansel Talbert* and *Spencer Valmy*.

Morrill Cody and Mrs. Cody (he's Embassy Counselor in Charge of Public Affairs) gave a lobster thermidor, venison and peach melba dinner in their apartment with Mrs. Cody, who's been a Cordon Bleu student, presiding (and her school teacher chef supervising in the kitchen). Lucky guests included the Tom Doziers, *Time: Realites* editor Alfred Max and wife, and the Heath Bowmans (he's Embassy Public Affairs Deputy).

Bernard S. Redmont

ROME

Press farewells for popular *Clare Boothe Luce* were numerous, including a luncheon in her honor by Rome's Foreign Press Ass'n. Another farewell was by the American correspondents, in which AP's bureau chief Stan Swinton, on behalf of the American press corps, presented her with a golden model of St. Peter's Basilica for her charm bracelet. Finally, a cocktail party given by the

Ambassador at her residence for the American press.

A number of Middle East wives evacuated to Italy during the recent crisis included the wife of CBS' Cairo correspondent Frank Kearns and Mrs. Ruth Weathersby, wife of Cairo PAO Bill Weathersby.

Newsweek's Bill Pepper is off to America for the opening of wife Beverly's one-woman painting exhibition in New York.

Back from Cairo and out again to Vienna is *Cleveland Plain Dealer's* John P. Leacacos. He will be joined by his wife, Velia, and son, Peter, for an Austrian Christmas.

Charles Ridley, UP's news editor in Rome, is still in Vienna where he has been working for the past six weeks. A recent addition to the UP staff in Rome is Jack Schemeil, who was transferred from the Paris bureau. *Frank Brutto*

MANILA

Bessie Hackett, *Time* and *Life* stringer here for the last four years, was married Dec. 7 to Lt. Russell W. Wilson, aide to Admiral Thomas L. Prague. Prague was the best man. The Wilsons will live in Philadelphia. Gordon Walker, *Christian Science Monitor*, stopped off for a week to interview President Ramon Magsaysay and other Philippine officials.

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PEOPLE & PLACES...

Ernest Hoberecht, UP Vice President for Asia, was called back to the U.S. from Tokyo when his mother suffered a stroke in Watonga, Okla.; she died Dec. 12...Ruth Lloyd back from a quick trip to London...Bernard Frazier, PR for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., in Liberia, West Africa on two-week business trip...Fred B. Barton's article on James V. Bennett, director of Federal Bureau of Prisons, "Prison Keeper for Uncle Sam," in Jan. 1957 *American Mercury*...

Russell Jones, UP correspondent who was in Budapest for a month during the height of the violence and then expelled by the Kadar government, in U.S. for a rest before making further plans; his wife, Martha is with him...Audrey R. Burch, father of Wendel Burch, director of UP Foreign Services, died Dec. 11...Richard Thomas sent Christmas greetings to the OPC while aboard the Black Sea Express, a "posh train out of Moscow" en route to Tiflis.

The latest count shows 800 foreign correspondents and 240 photographers covered the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

(A Reuters report from Milan Dec. 16 said that all but three of the 127 Hungarian Olympic athletes who flew from Melbourne to Milan, boarded the Orient Express in Milan to return to Budapest.)



PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY AT OPC

Frances Webb Roosevelt (Mrs. Quentin Roosevelt), whose paintings of Bangkok and Hong Kong are now on exhibition at OPC, is a widely travelled artist. Here she is, painting in Mexico while curious villagers kibitz. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, took the photograph.

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JESS W. JONES, Armed Forces Network, Nov. '45 to Nov. '46, (France, Germany); Newsweek, Nov. '46 to Jan. '48, Central European Manager; Newsweek, Jan. '48 to June '54, Manager, European Edition Proposed by Eugene B. English; seconded by Lawrence G. Blochman.

ROBERT C. MILLER, United Press, May '38 to present, (various overseas points) - presently Bureau Manager, Sydney, Australia. Proposed by George McCadden; seconded by Phil Newsom.

THOMAS BAYARD WINSTON, McGraw-Hill World News, Mar. to Aug. '56 (Beirut); An-Nida, June '55 to Mar. '56 (Beirut); McGraw-Hill, July '52 to May '55; presently Asst. Ed. McGraw-Hill Digest. Proposed by John Wilhelm; seconded by Paul R. Miller, Jr.

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GERALDINE MORRIS, UNRRA, Oct. '43 to Sept. '45 (London); Overseas News Agency, May '47 to '50. Proposed by B. Mathieu; seconded by Daniel G. Van Acker.

FRED THOMSON, presently with Crusade For Freedom, Head Dep't of Info.; American Newspaper Publishers Assoc.; 4 years; N.Y. Herald Tribune, 3½ years; Office of War Information, Overseas Branch, 3 yrs. Proposed by William C. Driscoll; seconded by Walter H. Nelson.

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